

# The Lancaster News

(SEMI-WEEKLY.)

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Four divorces and 175 marriages, and 1,000 births are predicted for the winter.—Charlotte Observer.

There's evidently going to be something doing in the old tar heel town when cold weather sets in.

According to Harper's Weekly the following unique "personal" recently appeared in the "society column" of an Iowa paper:

"Mrs. Coulter, being confined to her bed by illness, will not be at home next Thursday as usual."

Probably she expected to take up her bed and promenade around the square.

The Supreme Court of South Carolina rendered a decision Wednesday which is a record breaker for brevity. Here it is: "For the reasons stated by his honor, the circuit judge, the judgment of the Circuit Court is affirmed". 'Nough said. The opinion is in the case of J. H. Tindall against the Piedmont Mutual Fire Insurance company of Spartanburg and was written by Judge Gary.

We hope that whoever shall be elected to the legislature next Tuesday will not feel called upon to undertake to secure a repeal of the new road law when the General Assembly meets in January. Amend the Act if necessary, but do not kill it, for it is the only decisive step the county has ever taken toward materially bettering the miserable condition of her highways. It is not claimed for the new law that it is perfect—far from it, possibly—but it can not be denied that it is a movement in the right direction. More than one well-founded objection has been made to the law, but the defects can easily be remedied by legislative amendment. Lancaster cannot afford to go backward in this matter.

Lancaster's progressive and public-spirited young daughter, Kershaw, has contributed \$22 to the Bryan campaign fund. This town ought to give five times as much, and yet, notwithstanding our repeated appeals, not so much as a penny has been handed us to be forwarded to national headquarters. As we suggested the other day, somebody ought to canvass the town with a subscription list. Cheraw's board of trade gave \$100 this week to help elect Bryan. While Lancaster, unfortunately, has no board of trade, though we have oftentimes urged the need and advantages of such an organization, the town has, nevertheless, many enterprising business and professional men who are just as loyal to the principles of true democracy as are the citizens of Cheraw, and when approached by a solicitor of campaign funds will no doubt contribute liberally.

The vote in the second primary six years ago for the United States Senate in Lancaster county was as follows: John Gary Evans, 1089; Asbury C. Latimer, 780. In the recent primary Evans received in this county 262, and Smith, who now makes the second race with him, 1332. The five other candidates in the first race received altogether 764 votes. Now where will these votes go next Tuesday? Can't say; wouldn't if we could. We are not taking sides in this race, nor in any other, for that matter. Both Smith and Evans are well known to all of our people, and

such being the case, we are satisfied that the voters would prefer to make their own choice without any advice or suggestion from us. Without intending to hurt or help either candidate however, we would call attention to the rather remarkable fact that if Mr. Evans should get on Tuesday, in addition to his vote in the first primary, all of the votes that were cast for Rhett, Johnstone, Martin, Lumpkin and Grace, the five candidates who have been dropped out, he would still lack 306 votes of receiving as many as did his opponent. Mr. Smith, in the first contest. We are assuming, of course, that the men who voted for Evans and Smith in the first primary will vote for them again. But such assumption may not be correct, for that "politics is an uncertain thing" has become an axiom, and there's no telling to what extent voters may change their minds in two weeks' time.

The differences between Taft and Foraker have been reconciled and now the latter is doing all he can to elect the Republican nominee for president—another exemplification of the fact that the Republicans, it makes no difference how much they may quarrel and fight among themselves, know how to get together when an election is in sight.

The ladies of Charleston having quit wearing their hats to the theatre, the News and Courier now wants 'em to leave their "hair lights" at home. Our society and horse reporter says that's a new one on him—that if there are any "hair lights" illuminating this neck of the woods they are doing so under an assumed name. Is it possible that the fair creatures of the city by the sea decorate with burning tapers the big fluffy roll of alleged hair that encircles the feminine head nowadays? If that's the latest "wrinkle," look out for Rock Hill's merchants to send in rush orders for candles.

## Lightning in Anson Co., N.C.

Wadesboro Messenger: Late Tuesday afternoon lightning struck the dwelling house of Mr. Lewis T. Burr, who lives in the Flat Fork church neighborhood, and completely demolished the chimney and damaged the roof to some extent. The electricity also entered his bed room, striking a bedpost and shattering it. One of a new pair of shoes under the bed had the sole torn off by the current.

Mr. Burr and his family had just gone out of this room into the dining room and were not hurt.

Last Thursday the barn of Mr. P. M. Moore, of Morven township, was struck by lightning and burned together with its contents, consisting of a large quantity of fodder and small amount of corn.

The same afternoon a fine young mule, the property of Mr. J. C. Mateson, who lives on the Steele place, in Morven township, was killed by lightning while in its stall in the stable.

Monday afternoon a tenant of Dr. R. D. Ross, of this place, rode one of the doctor's mules to Mr. R. A. Templeton's gin, at Old Morven, and hitched the animal to a tree. A thunder storm came up and lightning struck the tree, killing the mule.

The farmers have been busy this week pulling fodder; some of them also picking cotton. Much of the fodder being gathered is badly damaged by the recent floods—as one prominent farmer expressed it, he was "pulling strings." The cotton crop is also injured far greater than was at first supposed, particularly on the white lands.

## Store Struck by Lightning.

During one of the electric storms in Cheraw last week the Evans Yellow Store was struck by lightning and damage done to the amount of about one hundred dollars. The store had just been closed but Mr. J. C. Evans happened to return to the store to secure an umbrella and found a pile of goods on fire. Had it not been for Mr. Evans returning to the store, a big fire would have probably resulted.—Chesterfield Advertiser.

Miss Lily Boyce and Miss Edna Trotter, of Charlotte, are visiting Miss Mattie Nisbet, in the Jacksonham section.

Mr. H. H. Shute, of the Flint Ridge section, spent a day or two in Lancaster this week. Notwithstanding his advanced age—83 years—Mr. Shute is vigorous and active and in the enjoyment of fine health.

## Notice to Democratic Voters!

Gaffney, S. C., Sept. 2.  
To Lancaster News:

It having reached my ears that it is reported that T. B. Butler, candidate for Congress, ran on independent ticket here, now I, J. E. Jeffries, Clerk of Court, hereby certify that it is untrue. He ran in same election all county officers ran in, and is being supported by his own county almost solidly and deserves the support of all good Democrats.  
J. E. Jeffries,  
Clerk of Court.

## A Card.

To the Democratic voters of Lancaster County: I desire to express my thanks for the liberal vote given me in the race for congress by the people of Lancaster county. I appreciate it all the more for the reason that before the campaign opened, I was practically unknown to you. The support given me and the confidence it expresses on your part fills me with renewed energy and hope, and I feel more than ever the responsibility resting on me.

While fully appreciating your support in the first primary, I desire to ask that I may be remembered in the second primary on September 8th by a still more generous support, and promise you that, if I am elected, I shall be the representative of the whole district.  
T. B. Butler.

## A Card.

In view of the fact that there has been several false reports circulated against Mr. C. N. Sapp for the purpose of injuring him politically, and also calculated to hurt his reputation where he is not known, we the undersigned deem it but justice to him to brand all such reports as absolutely false. We therefore certify that we have known Mr. Sapp from his boyhood and know him to be a man of character, an upright, honest and strictly temperate young man.  
Signed

P. W. Carnes,  
C. H. Plyler,  
J. D. Flynn,  
G. W. Phillips,  
R. L. L. Blackmon,  
T. B. Craig.

## A Card from Sheriff Hunter.

Editor of The Lancaster News:  
Please allow me to state through the columns of your valuable paper that I was prostrated upon a bed of affliction away from home in a hospital when the last Legislature reduced the salary of the Sheriff of this county three hundred dollars, to take effect the 1st of January next. I was not aware of steps being taken to reduce the Sheriff's salary and did not know that it had been reduced until after the Legislature had adjourned and I had returned home from the hospital. Had I known, and had been able, I would have tried to show the Legislature the injustice of reducing the Sheriff's salary three hundred dollars, and at the same time raising the Auditor's and Treasurer's salary, each, one hundred and eighty dollars, making a total of three hundred and sixty dollars that these officers' salaries were increased; and besides, raising the per diem of each member of that Legislative body.

Now, where is the economy and saving to the tax payer to reduce the Sheriff's salary three hundred dollars and raise the Auditor's and Treasurer's salaries three hundred and sixty dollars?

There is absolutely no saving whatever, but on the other hand sixty dollars more.

Everybody knows that the Sheriff's office is a very expensive office, that a deputy, jailer, horses and vehicles are necessary for a Sheriff to have in order to discharge the duties of the office, all of which cost a good deal of money. However, under the circumstances, I would have run for Sheriff this year if the Sheriff's salary had been wiped from the statute books; for I felt satisfied that my friends did not intend that I should be perished out, nor beaten out, but would permit me voluntarily to step down and out four years from now, which I intend to do with gratitude and thanks to my many good friends.  
Respectfully,  
John P. Hunter.

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## 'Barefoot Burglar' in Chester.

Chester special in Thursday's State: The "barefoot burglar" whose operations in Columbia have been mentioned by The State, has made his appearance in Chester. On Sunday night the residence of Mr. S. E. Wylie and Mr. C. B. Betts on Columbia

street were entered by some specimen of this mean animal. From the former some cooked food and a small sum of money were taken.

DeWitt's Little Early Risers are small pills, easy to take, gentle and sure. Sold by J. F. Mackey & Co. w-s